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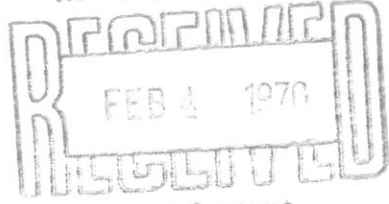
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February 1st 1970.

WASHINGTON OFFICE



Dear Senator Stennis:

This note is to let you know I oppose the proposed expansion of the A.B.M. system. It will be too inflationary. What good has what we did last done so far, or for that matter what has been done in the last five years.

It is no wonder the value of the dollar isn't worth much any more. These damn defense systems cost billions and never really do much good. I

haven't heard of one
in the last five years
that has cost what it
was originally suppose to.

Make sure that
segregation in the North is
de jure and not de facto. When
I lived there we had integration,
but de facto existed.

In my opinion you are
one of the better Senators from
this region. So try and put a
stop to the senseless
spending on all programs.
If we weren't spending
28 + billion on Vietnam

The national debt could
be paid off and the
amount of money spent
on space could be
double, as I feel
it should.

Sincerely,



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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

T. EDWARD BRASWELL, JR., CHIEF OF STAFF

February 10, 1970

[Redacted]

Starkville, Mississippi, 39759

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your recent letter.

I appreciate your letting me know of your opposition to expanding the Anti-Ballistic Missile System. As Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I will shortly be holding hearings on the military procurement authorization bill of which this is a part. I can assure you that the committee will go into the matter fully. I will support only those systems which I find from these hearings absolutely essential to the defense of our country.

I also want to thank you for your support of my work here in the Senate to get some relief for our public schools. As you know, my amendment which would assure freedom of choice in many cases is pending on the Senate Floor at the present time. It is patterned after a law passed in the State of New York last year and signed by Governor Rockefeller. It is clear evidence the New York officials saw the danger of the neighborhood school policy being abolished as it has been done by court order in Mississippi. This double standard should not be permitted. If freedom of choice is legal in New York, it should also be legal in the South.

Again my thanks for your letter, and with best wishes, I am

Your friend,

John Stennis
United States Senator

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